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Form MR-Site/Bond Release  
(December 21, 2006)

Application for Site and/or Bond Release

DEPT OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Operator/Permittee: <u>STONE ART CO (JOHN D. HECHTLE)</u>	
Mine/Project Name: <u>OPAL MINE</u>	
File Number: <u>HL 46957</u>	
Check One:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Large Mine <input type="checkbox"/> Small Mine <input type="checkbox"/> Exploration	
Check one:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Partial Release of a <u>portion</u> of the mine site: Acres to be released: _____ Acres Remaining: _____ Specify Area: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Release of a <u>portion</u> of the mine site: _____ Acres to be released: _____ Specify Area: _____ (A new map will need to be provided for the Notice or plan removing the released area from the disturbed or bonded area.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Partial Release of entire mine site: _____ Total Acres to be released: _____ (Backfilling and grading are completed)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Release of entire mine site: _____ Total Acres to be released: <u>40</u> (Vegetation is established and has survived three growing seasons.)	
Amount of Existing Surety: <u>\$ 1000.00</u>	
Amount of Surety requested for release: <u>\$ 1000.00</u>	
Reason for Bond Release Request: <u>NO LONGER OWNED OF SAID LEASE</u> <u>RECLAMATION APPROVED 7/1/09</u>	
Complete this section if the money released from this application is to be used as surety for future disturbance.	
Release bond on: _____ Acres (specify area) _____	
Apply Bond to: _____ Acres (specify area) _____	
Check Applicable Boxes	DESCRIPTION of RECLAMATION ACTIVITIES COMPLETED (Describe any variance(s) that have been granted, date activity completed)
<input type="checkbox"/> Wells Plugged / shafts sealed	
<input type="checkbox"/> Disposal of debris & other materials incident to mining	

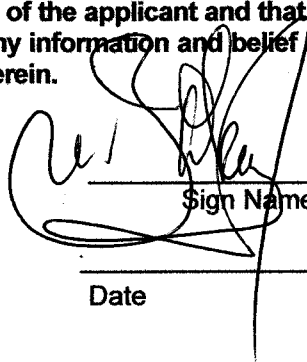
	Drainages, reestablished & stable	
	Structures demolished / removed	
	Regrading Completed – Slopes, pits, highwalls in stable condition	
	Meets Postmining Land Use (Indicate Landuse)	
	Roads Reclaimed	
	Dams, Impoundments, Ditches, Pits reclaimed	
	Topsoil respread – amendments added	
	Erosion Controlled	
	Vegetation meets 70% of premining cover and has survived three years for full bond release – or has survived one year growing season to maintain small mine status.	

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments and obligations, herein.

STONE ART CO

JOHN D. HECHTLE

Print Name

 OWNER  
 Sign Name, Position  
 Date 12/14/09

**Return to:**

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 Department of Natural Resources  
 Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
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Bond Adjustment: from (\$)	
to \$	

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### Inspection Report

#### Minerals Regulatory Program

Date: July 14, 2009

Reviewed: RK

Mine Name: Opal Mine – ML 46957	Permit Number: S/001/0044
Operator Name: Stone Art Company	Inspection Date: 07/01/2009
Inspector(s): Brett Gregory for Tom Munson <u>BG</u>	Time: 10:00 am
Other Participants: None	Mine Status: Reclaim

Elements of Inspection	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Delinquent Payments (highways)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. DELINQUENT PAYMENTS <sup>y)</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. PAID ON <sub>lls,</sub>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. AUG 18, 09	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. CHECK # 1887	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. STONE ART CO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### Bond At

#### Purpose

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the inception of the lease and any disturbances made thereafter were supposedly from unauthorized people rockhounding.

or 2007 & 2008.

st for full site release. The application also came with  
implies conditions at the mine have not changed from

#### Inspection Summary:

- 1) The permit fees have not been paid for the past two years in the amount of \$300 dollars. The fees need to be paid before the bond can be released. (Note - State lease transfers do not exempt the operator from paying all 'active' permit fees.)
- 2) There was only one small outcrop between four or five feet high that is stable and does not appear to be a safety hazard. I don't believe anything can grow on this outcrop and I recommend it be considered reclaimed. (See pictures.)
- 5) The roads getting to the site were improved and accessible. I was unable to make a determination whether or not these were pre-existing or part of the mining disturbances at the time of my inspection. This site has been a documented rock hound site for 50 years.
- 7) Several pre-act excavations and disturbances were evaluated. The operator has provided an aerial photograph of the site to address these areas. It should also be noted the permittee claims no heavy machinery was used

and that all mining had been done by hand. Unfortunately, the Division has no record if any attempts were made to reclaim these hand disturbances or if these hand disturbances caused any significant disturbance.

10) No documentation was provided suggesting the area of hand disturbances had been reseeded. Some plants are growing naturally and can be seen in the photographs. Due to the lack of suitable soil for revegetation, and the pre-existing facts presented by the operator, it is my recommendation the area be considered for closure.

12) I walked the area with a GPS handheld unit to map what is currently disturbed; and for possible future documentation.

(Photos attached)

**Conclusions and Recommendations:** The site meets reclamation standards. At this time, it is my recommendation that all past due fees be paid, the file closed, and the bond released.

**Inspector's Signature**

BG:vs

cc: John D Hechtle

John Blake, SITLA

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